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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Konnie Lea Jones** (NC60232654) and placed conditions against her certification with which she must comply. She was convicted of vehicular homicide while under the influence.

In October 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jamie Alee Wilkinson** (CO60242698) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of Violation of Uniform Controlled Substance Act – possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana less than 40 grams, and dangerous weapons violation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Chelan County

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Emmanuel Pulido** (NA60200527). He was convicted of malicious mischief and trespass.

Clallam County

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In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Cherie LaRae Cariou** (NC60243922) and placed her certification on probation for two years based on an agreed order against her nursing assistant registration. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant **Sandra Lee Richards** (NA00104713). She diverted legend drugs from patients. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Clark County

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy technician **Yelena N. Storozhko** (VA00043691).

Cowlitz County

In October 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nicholas M. T. Crapser** (CO60128236) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of failure to perform the duties of a driver, multiple counts of identity theft, multiple counts of forgery, multiple counts of theft, and racketeering. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

King County

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Roxanne B. Breunig** (RN00161485) on probation for one year. On about nine occasions, she made medication errors in withdrawing controlled substances for patients. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of **Kabinet Diawara** (NC10058212) on probation for five years. He entered into a sexual relationship with a patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In October 2011, after a hearing, the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program denied the application of **Ubax Gardheere** (CG60212055). He was convicted of harassment and was found guilty with a deferred sentence on a second count of harassment. He failed to appear at a requested pre-hearing conference.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Hagosa T. Ghile** (NC10061198).

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Scott C. Schnaible** (VA00071216) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted controlled substances from his place of employment, and failed to provide a written explanation about the allegations to the board.

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In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Louis C. Wong** (PH00021451) on probation for three years. He wrote prescriptions for himself and family members using a physician's name as the prescriber without the physician's authorization. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Kitsap County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration and certification of registered and certified nursing assistant **Rejoice T. Bokuku** (NA60029497, NC60041703) and placed them on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

Pierce County

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Deborah M. Asrari** (RN00125941) and placed conditions against her license. She withdrew medications for patients and failed to chart the administration or wastage of the medications.

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy released pharmacy assistant **Jennifer E. Carr, also known as Erin McCorkle** (VB60051191), from terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In October 2011 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **David Yi** (CH00034226) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Spokane County

In October 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy charged physical therapist assistant **Michael W. Allen** (P160041002) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license and was arrested for driving under the influence.

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Lesa A. Gibbs** (PH00014701) on probation for one year. During random urinalyses, she tested positive for cocaine and amphetamines. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Thurston County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant and health care assistant **Amy R. Edmunds** (NC10020330, HC00125799). She was convicted of driving under the influence on three occasions. She must comply with conditions set against her license.

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In October 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Nancy M. Jansen** (LP00033384) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Programs charged emergency medical technician **Bobby G. Hicks** (ES60034291) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of vehicular homicide-reckless, and hit and run death.

Whatcom County

In October 2011 the Health Care Assistant and X-Ray Technician Programs charged health care assistant and x-ray technician **Kenneth Dwayne Rogers** (HC00001987, XT00000972) with unprofessional conduct. While serving as Attorney at Fact for the victim, he allegedly converted nearly all of the victim's assets to his personal use without the victim's knowledge. He was convicted of ten counts of theft.

Out of State

California: In October 2011 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician applicant **Michael F. Keehan** (MD60173858). He is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. He surrendered his licensed to practice as a physician in California. He also agreed to place his license to practice medicine in Hawaii on permanent inactive status.

Tennessee: In October 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Thomas G. Lindsay** (LP00037856) and immediately placed his license on expired status. He must comply with terms and conditions. Once he meets the conditions, his license will be placed on probation for one year.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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